

First United Methodist Church
May 6th & 7th, 2023

Living IN the Real World:
Loving Your Neighbor



First United Methodist Church

202 S. Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL

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Facebook: FUMC Dixon

5:00 pm on Saturdays; 10:00 am on Sundays

*Our mission is making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of the world by Faithfully Uplifting the Message of Christ*

“” Indicates to stand as you are able or so inclined*

Prelude

Special Music

“I’ll Fly Away”

Ladies Ensemble

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

L: How shall we love the Lord our God who has poured out such love upon us?

P: We shall love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and spirit.

L: How shall we demonstrate that love.

P: We shall live that love in all that we do, think, and say.

L: Let our love be genuine and holy.

P: Praise be to God who has loved us totally. AMEN.

Opening Prayer – (unison)

We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here. For we ask these things in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

***Hymn:**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

#172 UMH

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings (Unison)

Gracious Lord, we believe in the amazing gift of your Son. We share this offering with the unceasing prayer that your work in this world will spring up and break forth in all corners of this global community. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen. (Based on John 14:1-14.)

Chancel Choir

“To Love Our God”

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Hymn of Preparation for the Word: “Open My Eyes, That I May See” #454 UMH
(We will sing a song each Sunday as the choir rejoins in the congregation)

Scripture: 1Peter 3:8-15

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse, but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For “Those who desire to love life and to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let them turn away from evil

and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” ¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: Living in the Real World: *Loving Your Neighbor* Pastor Tim Mitchell

Hymn of Response and Preparation: *“Let Us Break Bread Together” #618 UMH

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Call to Reconciliation

What is our hope? Simply put, it is that God does not give up on us. With such good news, we can dare to bring our prayers to the One who will not cast aside our words or our hearts. Please join me as we pray together, saying:

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

We admit, Knowing God, that from plastic cards to websites, from handheld devices to stock options, we are surrounded by a variety of gods who demand our worship. We can all too easily believe that work is our life, that wealth is the reason for our being, and that success is the very air we breathe. Forgive us, God of mercy. You are not found in a computer chip, but in the child who holds our hand. You are not a simple tweet, but the Word that can transform our very lives. You are not a disembodied, constantly recalculating voice, but the One who calls us to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

L: Despite everything we do, God loves us. This grace is why we can dare to hope.

P: We will witness to this hope in every word we speak to every person we meet.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: May the God who knows us be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift your hearts to the One who will not leave you stranded.

P: We offer ourselves to God who is always with us.

L: Bless God, all you who love the Lord.

P: We sing praises to the One who loves us.

You gathered up that orphan, chaos, into your heart, God of wonder, and with a simple Word created a family: with horses munching meadow grasses; of birds gliding gently on summer winds; of snails, snakes, and tree-climbing squirrels...

With those who praise you every day, with those who have lost all hope, we would bring our songs to you:

P: Holy, holy, holy are you, God our joy.

All creation pays their vows to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who is our salvation.

Hosanna in the highest!

You cannot be contained by any human imagining or endeavor, for you are the Holy God, and your Son, Jesus Christ, is our hope in life...

As we remember the grace with which He loved us, as we welcome the Comforter He sent to us, we proclaim that mystery which is faith:

P: Christ died, doing what was right for us;

Christ was raised by the One who was in Him;

Christ will come, just as the hope within us, witnesses to us.

As your Spirit of truth comes in these moments to transform the bread and the cup and those gathered around the Table, you show us how much you love us...

And when we gather around that Table of love, with our sisters and brothers, our enemies and friends seated side by side, as we pass grace to one another, we will join in forever singing your praises, as we celebrate your being in us as we are in you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Congregational Prayers

Telling of God's Activity and sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn of Going Forth:** *"Blest Be the Ties That Bind"* **#557 UMH**

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

Credits for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Pastor Young Sun, Rev. Thom Shum, Ministry Matters, and Nancy Burnett

The **Dixon First United Methodist Women in Faith** are supporting **Church World Services (CWS)** by preparing Women's Health kits and collecting supplies to create the kits. Please help by dropping the following items in the Parlor:

Start with a one gallon resealable bag: (tip: put large items in first)

One pack of flushable wipes	One bar of soap
One travel pack of Wet-Ones	2- 2 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer
Three 4 gallon bathroom trash bags	10 tampons
10- sanitary napkins	One pack of sink-size laundry detergent packets

NURSERY NEWS...

Room 205 is being transformed into the Sunday morning nursery. Leadership determined that we need to remodel the room to make it comfortable and inviting for our young children and families that would be using the nursery. It has been repainted by Ed Love. New carpeting and lighting are up next!. We have already received some new toys from Goodfellows. **We are so grateful for those who are donating to make this a reality!**

For a sneak peek, go through the powered door on the south side of the sanctuary, straight down the hallway to the first room on the right.

Our hope is to staff the nursery with volunteer servants. So, pray and see if God wants you to be a part of this essential ministry in our church.

What an exciting time! God is moving in our church!

THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY!!!!



Bring your "sweet tooth" and your wallet to church for the

Bake Sales

on May 6th & 7th and June 3rd & 4th. Funds support the Youth and Adults going on the Mission Trip down to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.



Just A Closer Walk with Thee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

For MAY 13th, 2023 Cookout at
Oliver's Corner Market
to raise funds for the mission trip
to
Midwest Mission Distribution Center
JUNE 26-30th.

Announcements

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Cindy Gabany, Denny Arjes, Karen Hundrieser, Sharon Kersten, Kerry and Marcy Hughes, Karin Schoaf, Irma Delashmit, Travis Malston, Kendra Wadsworth, and Ian.

AGAPE YOUTH meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30AM in the youth lounge.

POWERHOUSE KIDS meet every Sunday morning at 10AM in the 3rd floor Arena Room. Join Pastor Tim, Pastor Young Sun and our loving "shepherds" for lessons, activities, snacks, and crafts. Ages Preschool through 4th grade.



The next worship service at Heritage Square will be this Sunday, May 7th at 2:00 PM.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, the "Jesus Seekers", meet Sunday mornings at 8:30 in Room 210.

G2 GROUP BIBLE STUDY led by Laura Brooks meets Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the Conference room.

LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP will meet weekly after church in the parlor from approximately 11:15am - 12:15pm. Each week the group will discuss real life issues based on a passage of scripture - starting with First Thessalonians. This group is open to all and is led by Tom Wadsworth.

Dixon FUMC congratulates the 2023 graduates & their families!!



We will be honoring local graduates during worship on JUNE 25, 2023 - GRADUATION SUNDAY. Please contact the church office ASAP with your graduate's name, a picture, the school graduating from and the year they are graduating (i.e. 8th grade, high school, college, etc.).

Please continue to fill out the **Connect Card** and help us stay connected as a church and to help build relationships within our community by supporting local businesses. Each card will be entered in a monthly drawing for a **gift card/certificate** to a local business. For May, please support:

Salamandra
MEXICAN RESTAURANT IN DIXON

**May 2023 -
Business of the Month**





MIDWEST MISSION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER
midwestmission.org

Mission Opportunity for 2023!

SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT
AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER

education • health • micro business • disaster relief

FUMC will be taking a Mission Trip to MMDC on June 26-30th!

Next informational meeting is May 16th at 6:00PM.

Don't forget about the bake sales, rummage sale and Oliver's cookout!!!

Congratulations to Lynn Berg Winner of Anne's Garden Center gift certificate!



Please continue to recycle your unwanted bulletins & inserts in the marked bin by the exit. Thank you!



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